

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION (WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY)

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which patent is sought on the invention entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE DEPTH OF IMMERSION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT IN AN EXPOSED SURFACE OF A VISCOUS FLUID, the specification of which (check one):

is attached hereto.

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior foreign/PCT application(s):

			Priority Claimed
(number)	(country)	(day/month/year filed)	Yes      No
08/906,578 (application serial no.)	August 5, 1997 (filing date)	pending (status - pending, patented or abandoned)	
08/906,673 (application serial no.)	August 5, 1997 (filing date)	pending (status - pending, patented or abandoned)	

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and on any attached continuation page and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in any such prior application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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**In re Application of:**

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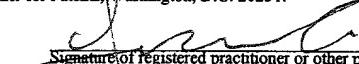
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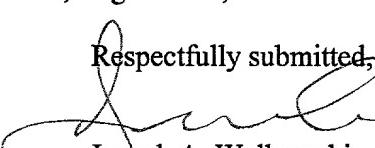
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